

EQIP Ranking Form - 2004**Blackford County**

Tract # _____

Name: _____

Note: If the producer received ranking points for a specific practice such as no-till then they must implement that practice as part of their EQIP plan. The practice must be included in the EQIP plan and the farmer must receive cost-share for that practice. If the farmer is already implementing the practice, then they can NOT receive ranking for that practice.

1. Do the soils in the area contain a T value of:

T Value	Points
5	25
4	50
3 or less	75

[Blackford Map](#)

2. Is the area located near a waterbody²?

Distance	Points
Less than 120'	150
120' – 250'	125
251' or greater	100

3. Are there gullies¹ or critical erosive areas present?

Present	Points
Yes	25
No	15

4. Which of the following best describes your current tillage activities on your cropland?

Tillage System	Points
a) A system that leaves less than 20% to 30% ground cover at the time of planting. Some type of fall tillage is used more than 50% of the time.	100
b) A system that leaves more than 30% surface residues at the time of planting. No fall tillage is used but some type of spring tillage is used every year.	75
c) A system that uses both tillage and no-tillage depending on crops planted.	50
d) A complete no-till system is used on all crops planted.	25

5. Is the area with livestock or manure application, which is generated by livestock owned by the owner or operator, near a waterbody²?

Distance	Points
a) Livestock with access to the stream and/or manure application within 200' of waterbody	50
b) Manure application greater than 201' of waterbody	40
c) None of the above	25

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6. Do the areas have a high soil test for phosphorus (P) (greater than 50 ppm)?
(Applicant will be required to bring in soil tests from within the last two years).

Phosphorus	Points
Yes	25
No	15

7. Do your management objectives include one of the following?

Management Objective	Points
a) Expanding existing woodland areas.	75
b) Improving forest management	75
c) Creating a new woodland area.	75
d) None of the above.	50

Total Points	
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1. Definition of gully – reference p. 61 of the Blackford/Jay Counties Soil Survey.
2. A waterbody is any of the following: wetland of any type, spring or seep, ponds, lakes, well, streams having perennial, seasonal or full flow, or intermittent streams.